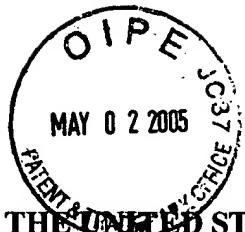


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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.